

The Benefits of Speaking in Tongues — Part 3

Introduction: Evangelistic Purpose

- We are balancing **inward edification** with **outward evangelism**.
- This teaching uses the **D.A.D. acrostic** for effective outreach:
 - **D**ecisiveness: Move with purpose.
 - **A**ction: Step out and engage.
 - **D**iligence: Remain sharp and persistent.

Object Lesson: Can of Sweet Peas

- **Can** = Subject of tongues.
- **Can opener (You)** = The sharp tool to open up this vital subject.
- We must handle the topic with **wisdom**, making it **sweet, not bitter**.
- Two types of responses to wisdom:
 - **Interested** (Acts 6:8-10) — They receive sweetness.
 - **Not Interested** (Acts 6:9-10, 7:54-60) — Wisdom may sting, but don't lose hope (example: Saul/Paul).

Key Character Qualities for Evangelizing

1. **Wisdom vs. Natural Inclinations**
2. **Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness**
3. **Cautiousness vs. Rashness**

(2 Timothy 2:23-26, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Proverbs 19:2)

Benefit 1: Tongues for Spiritual Edification

- **Question to open discussion:**
"How would you feel if you were a car with no battery or a dead battery?"
- **Story:** Parents bought a car with a dead battery — frustrating, powerless.
- **Main Scripture:**
1 Corinthians 14:4 — “*He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself...*” (Builds up!)
- **Key points:**
 - No tongues = No spiritual energy.
 - Regular use = Recharged daily!
 - Spiritual edification is not mental or physical—it's spiritual strength.

- **Questions to stir interest:**
 - Do you desire to be built up?
 - Would you like more spiritual energy and power?
 - Do you want to move with greater certainty and enthusiasm?
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Benefit 2: Tongues Cannot Be Decoded by the Enemy

- **Questions to open discussion:**
 - Do you have a secret language with God?
 - Would you like a spiritual weapon the enemy can't decode?
 - Do you think speaking in tongues carries real meaning?
 - **Main Scripture:**

1 Corinthians 14:2 — "...speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him; he utters mysteries in the Spirit."
 - **Key points:**
 - Tongues are **not gibberish** — they are **divine mysteries**.
 - Greek word *mysteries* = sacred, hidden truths only God reveals.
 - Speaking in tongues is **supernatural communication** with God.
 - The devil **cannot decode** what you pray in tongues.
 - **Supporting Scriptures:**
 - *1 Corinthians 14:13* — Pray for interpretation if needed.
 - *1 Corinthians 14:14* — "My spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."
 - **Powerful illustration: The Temple comparison**
 - Outer Court = Flesh
 - Inner Court = Soul
 - Holy of Holies = Recreated Spirit (born-again spirit)
 - Satan has **no access** to your Holy of Holies, just like he couldn't access the Old Testament Holy of Holies.
 - Praying in tongues originates from your spirit, directly linked to God.
 - **Bonus encouragement:**

(From Dave Roberson, *The Walk of the Spirit, The Walk of Power*)

 - When you pray in tongues, it's **completely off-limits** to Satan.
 - It keeps your spirit **alive, fresh, and victorious**.
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Closing Thoughts

- Tongues are a **gift for every believer** (Mark 16:17).
- Tongues **edify, protect, and connect us to God** beyond human understanding.
- Let's use wisdom, persuasiveness, and cautiousness to share this treasure with others!

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